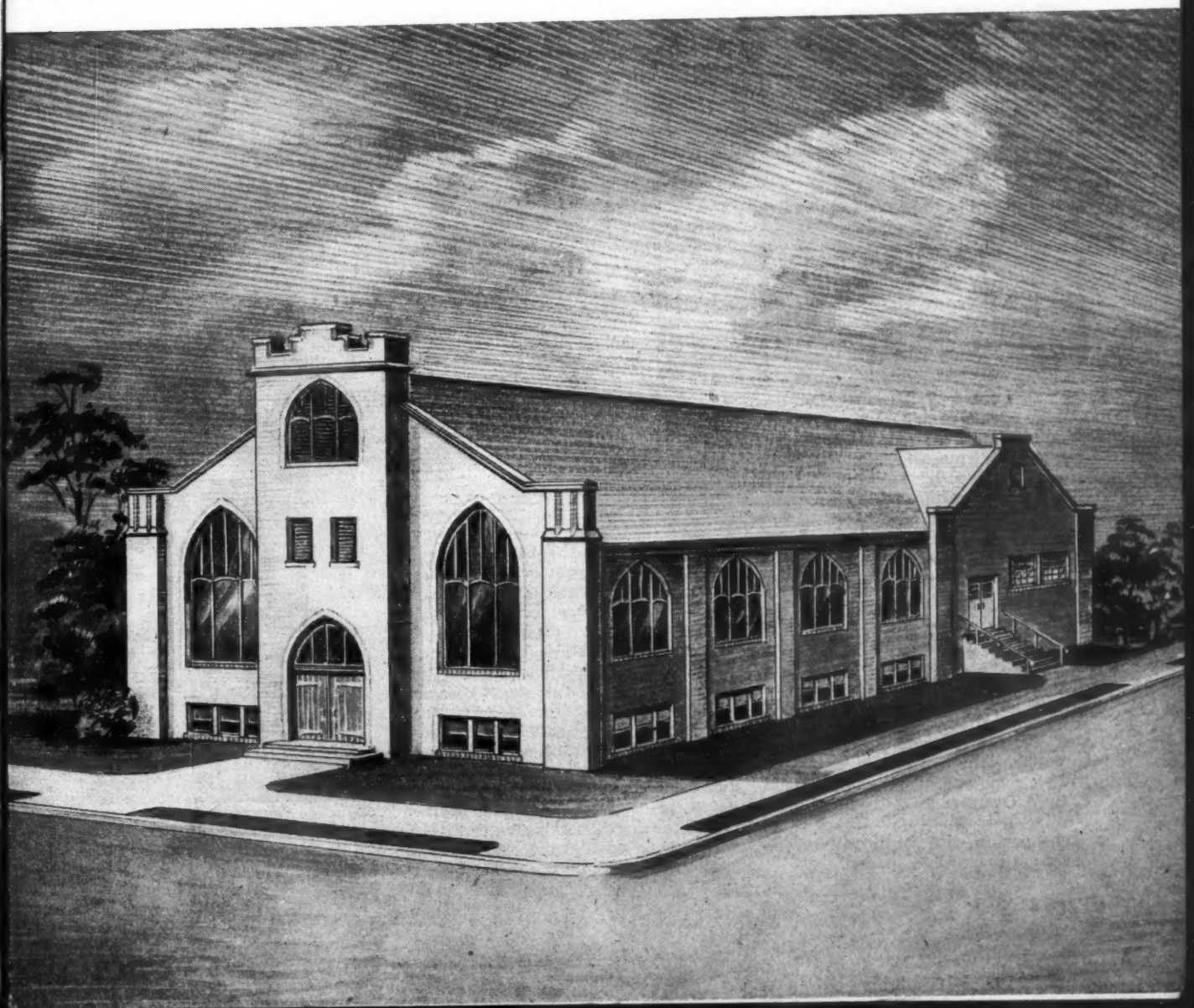




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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CAMP MEETING

June 29-July 8

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

ZENO C. THARP, Overseer of
South Carolina

Card of Thanks

Dear friends of the Church of God:
In appreciation for your kindness con-
cerning the triple wedding, we, Grady
and Gladys, wish to thank you for
your wonderful gifts, kind words and
sincere wishes for our future happi-
ness and success in God's work.—Sin-
cerely, Rev. and Mrs. Grady Hawkins.

Announcement

The state convention for Louisiana
will convene in the new church at 1017
Spain Street, New Orleans, Louisiana,
July 15-18. Rev. H. L. Chesser will be
with us from the 16th-18th and will be
the principal speaker at the conven-
tion. Everyone is invited to be with us
throughout the convention. Louisiana
will welcome you with a smile.—John
L. Byrd, Overseer.

The person who courts failure can
never get married to success.

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State Camp Meetings and Conventions

State	Place	Date
Alabama	Birmingham Campground	July 6-15
Arkansas	Benton	July 8-18
Delaware	Maryland Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
D. C., Washington	Maryland Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
Georgia	Campground	July 13-25
Idaho	Lewiston	June 18-July 1
Illinois	Benton Campground	June 27-July 4
Indiana	Campground	July 29-31
Iowa	Jefferson	June 27-July 3
Kansas	Coffeyville	July 2-8
Kentucky	Near Lexington	July 1-10
Louisiana		July 16-18
Maryland	Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
Missouri		July 8-18
Montana	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Nebraska	Coffeyville, Kansas	July 2-8
Nevada	Lewiston	June 18-July 1
New England States	Maine Campground	July 16-25
New Jersey	Brooklyn, New York	July 28-29
New Mexico	Roswell	July 7-15
New York	Brooklyn	July 28-29
North Carolina	Campground	July 13-23
North Dakota	Minot	June 25-July 4
Oklahoma	Shawnee	July 12-18
Oregon		July 1-11
Pennsylvania	Somerset	July 21-Aug. 1
South Carolina	Near Mauldin	June 29-July 8
South Dakota	Minot Campground, N. D.	June 25-July 4
Tennessee	Cleveland	June 28-July 4
Washington		July 1-11
West Virginia	Beckley	July 23-25
Wyoming	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Western Canada	Outram, Sask.	July 6-15
Central Canada		July 18-28

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

Wilson

"I have fought a good fight, I have
finished my course, I have kept the
faith: Henceforth there is laid up for
me a crown of righteousness, which
the Lord, the righteous judge, shall
give me at that day: and not to me
only, but unto all them also that love
his appearing." These words of the
Apostle Paul also apply to the life
and ministry of our dear Brother
Wilson who passed from this life May
24, 1948, at the age of fifty-six years.
Brother Wilson had been ill sometime
with the dreaded disease of leukemia,
and until almost the very last he be-
lieved he would live to preach the
gospel for many more years. But, God
said, "Come up higher." Never was a
task so hard, a night so dark nor a



Rev. J. D. Wilson

day so cold but what Brother Wilson
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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Editorials...

NAE ON THE AIR

The National Association of Evangelicals has been on the National Radio Network this spring on released time and will be continued during this summer.

It was on the Mutual Network Fridays, June 4, 11.

The ABC Network on Saturday began June 5, and will continue through August 28. Contact your radio station belonging to this chain and ask when the program will be aired locally.

Dr. Theodore H. Elsner, Chairman of NRB, is enthusiastically working to promote the gospel by radio and protect the interest of religious broadcasters everywhere.

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE MOVES TO MUCH LARGER PREMISES

New buildings have beautiful grounds on the banks of the river in Lemington, Spa, England

The I.B.T.I. is an independent inter-Pentecostal school working in the interest of world-wide Pentecostal movement, training young men and women in the spreading of the gospel. This last term they had young men and women from Finland, Italy, Java, Holland, and, of course, Great Britain. Rev. Fredk. H. Squire, the principal, has been privileged to go to Europe to conduct field Bible school with students who cannot get to England. He states that both in Basel and Zurich these have been a great success. They held the studies during the day on a variety of subjects, and the nights were given to great evangelistic meetings. He reports, "In four weeks God gave us 500 souls and definitely healed me."

BIBLES AND HYMN BOOKS FOR GERMANY

Mrs. G. E. Flowers, of Landis, North Carolina, became quite heavily burdened for the people in Germany and has sent a donation and asked that others join her in securing numbers of Bibles and song books to be sent.

We have contacted the Missions Department and ask that any who desire to make an offering to the mission cause in this matter please send your contribution to Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS ADOPTS 'CODE' IN CONVENTION

At Los Angeles, May 17-31, 1948, an NAB code was born, exactly nineteen months after its inception in Chicago, as the organization's Board of Directors, holding its convention meeting, with five hundred engineers in attendance, adopted a "Standards of Practice." There was considerable discussion as to the exact wording. The Board was locked in session from 10 a.m. until late that night, finally approving the code.

You possibly remember that two or three years ago there was great fear on the part of religious broadcasts of being cut off entirely. That was before any plan to work out standards acceptable to the industry was begun. Many of the radio stations were cutting off religious programs, stating that they were not selling time to religious broadcasters.

In fact, they were narrowing it down to only released time, and that to those being approved by the ministerial associations of the various cities. More and more our fundamental preachers were being cut off the air, since almost all these ministerial associations were dominated by liberalists — ministers whose churches were members of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America. The National Networks were also bringing pressure to bear, inasmuch that Charles Fuller, with the Old-Fashioned Revival broadcast, was very fearful that his broadcast, too, was going to be cut off. The situation was very grave.

The National Association of Evangelicals saw something must be done about it. Prior to the Columbus (Ohio) annual convention (1945), a call was issued to all religious broadcasters to consider organizing to protect the rights of all religious programs and religious broadcasters. From this call the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) had its beginning, and a number of special meetings have been held and contacts made with high officials in the circles of the radio industry. When the matter was properly presented to them, it was found that the radio networks were willing that a code of ethics be worked out so that a satisfactory, workable basis could be established. You realize some of the so-called religious programs broadcasted throughout the country were poor and some unethical. The music, singing, and messages were not well-balanced. Others asked and begged for money so much until some of the radio men considered these programs a racket. Because of this kind of program, strong pressure was being brought to cut off all religious purchased time.

Since the beginning of NRB, the matter has been carefully and prayerfully considered, not a stone being left unturned toward finding the best possible workable code by which religious broadcasting would not be hindered or thrown out. At our last NRB meeting in Chicago, May 3-6, the proposed code was approved and was presented to the National Association of Broadcasters at their convention in Los Angeles. Very few and only minor changes were made before its final adoption. It is certainly gratifying to know that all the radio broadcasting networks are cooperating with NRB regarding the radio code.

"Mr. Niles Trammell, president of NBC, when advised of the Code's adoption by the NAB Board, issued the following statement: 'I am extremely pleased that the board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters has adopted a new and improved code of standards for the broadcasting industry.'

'The National Broadcasting Company has long wanted such a new document. At their first annual convention in Atlantic City last September, NBC and its affiliated stations took the leadership in urging the adoption of even more stringent, voluntary regulations than those approved by the NAB board today.'

'However, the action of the NAB is surely a step in the right direction, and I am confident that now the industry has a practical and living document to guide it. The standards of practice will continue to be improved.'

'The National Broadcasting Company is now operating under its own code of practices which was first adopted in 1934. This NBC code will now be revised so that it will contain both the new standards which have been adopted on an industry-wide basis and the even higher standards which NBC has voluntarily adopted to govern its own operation.' —Radio Daily.

Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Greenville, South Carolina, and J. H. Walker are members of the NRB and voted the adoption of this Code recently in Chicago.

Pentecostal World Fellowship

It is characteristic of religious organizations to foster a spirit of exclusiveness among their followers. This is, in some ways at least, permissible and understandable when one takes into account the tremendous emotional impact which gives persons the urge to "come out from among them." It is, therefore, safe and reasonable to assume that without such an idea expressed, believed, and propagated, there would have been only one Christian religious system in our world today. It is also reasonable to assume that such would not have been in the best interests of the gospel of Christ.

When the spiritual latter rain began to fall at the turn of this century, people all over America began to be refreshed by the dynamic power of the Pentecostal baptism. There are two principal reasons, among many others, why this experience has resulted in the development of an American religious movement called "Pentecostal." This rather general term would include all those who have personally experienced the spiritual baptism with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues as did the one hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost. Also, included would be thousands of persons who, though they are converted Christians, have not received the Pentecostal experience. All of these, however, are believers in the scriptural foundation for such doctrine, and most of them are seeking to receive the endowment of the Holy Spirit. It is more than a mere coincidence that the Holy Spirit baptism was experienced in different sections of the United States and Europe near the same time in the years 1906 and 1907.

One reason for the growth and development of the Pentecostal church as such is that the refreshing showers came at a time when many people were beginning to yearn for a spiritual revival. A second is that when these people received the Holy Spirit, attended by strange manifestations, they began to be called "peculiar" and were dubbed "Holy Rollers." The experience caused some differences of opinion in local churches and the inevitable result was that divisions occurred. The Pentecostals felt that they were highly honored of God, and when



By REV. J. STEWART BRINSFIELD

they were not wholeheartedly accepted by others, it seemed to them prudent that they should be a "separate people unto God." The division was at first congregational, but soon the need for organization was evident, and steps for denominational fellowship were taken none too soon. The freedom from governmental restraint and the "holier-than-thou attitude" among some Pentecostals gave rise to unbecoming and damaging practices in some sections. It must here be pointed out, however, that these problems, though regrettable, were *exceptions* rather than the rule.

During the past four decades this movement, under God, has grown to be one of the most aggressive and evangelistic of all Christian movements since the time of the apostles and the first-century believers. The amazing acceleration and the sparkling performance of this faith is evidenced by the tremendous, almost breath-taking, phenomenal world outlook reflected by the virtual establishment of powerful outposts in every part of the world where Protestant Christianity may enter. Even in vast areas of the world which have suffered from the loss of their freedoms, this mighty, surging, spiritual crusade is definitely being felt. The iron curtain fell, but the Pentecostal move-

ment grows amid the shadows which that curtain casts. The predominantly Catholic countries are feeling the effect of the Pentecostal revival. It is world-wide.

As a result of the missionary zeal of Spirit-filled saints, it is now necessary to employ a means of fellowship on a national and international basis. In May, 1947, the leading Pentecostal organizations of the world sent representatives to Zurich, Switzerland, to study needs in Europe and to coordinate relief efforts for war-stricken populations. Pentecostal leaders from twenty-two countries attended that conference. It is anticipated that another world conference of Spirit-baptized leaders will convene in 1949 in Paris. These developments show a definite trend toward Pentecostal world fellowship.

The leaders of the larger Pentecostal church groups in the United States and Canada met in Chicago, Illinois, on May 7, 1948, to discuss the needs of the greater unity in a proposed fellowship among the Pentecostal people of America. Definite progress was made and the blessed Holy Ghost hovered over us as we discussed the things which make for "the unity of the faith." There was not a discordant note struck in these discussions, but everyone expressed a sincere hope for the future development of ways and means to promote greater understanding among Holy-Ghost-filled people. Plans are being made for another meeting in Chicago. We who represent the Church of God shall passionately plan and pray for the fulfillment, in a practical and Christian way, of the prayer of Jesus as recorded in the 17th chapter of St. John.

Jesus Is Coming

By Ralph Taylor, Greenville, S. C.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," St. John 14:1-3.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," 2 Peter 3:9.

Many signs of His coming have already been fulfilled, and according (Continued on page 14)

The Days of Miracles and Signs Are Not Over

One Sabbath day about December 16, 1947, I arose early, in quite a hurry for church. I rushed off without breakfast in order to catch the church bus. It wasn't one of the usual Sabbaths; it was a very cold day, the wind blowing hard. After Sunday School a young man walked up to me and asked me to go with him to a birthday dinner of a very old lady. An intended prayer meeting was to be there, and I was invited to speak. Another young man, Brother Richard Tyler, gathered a few of the church books and his guitar, and he, Brother Bill Dollars, and I started out. A few more saints joined us. We traveled over many, long, twisting country roads, finally coming to a little plain, planked, shotgun shack, aloofed back in a field of sagebrush.

Quite a few of the near kin had gathered already. I couldn't keep from noticing some very rough and rugged looking characters standing around the yard murmuring to themselves. They all stared at us as we walked up. We spoke and went in.

We had to bow our heads in order that we wouldn't bump them as we went in. On the wall was an old and faded enlarged picture of probably a Civil War veteran, in an oval-shaped frame. It was merely a hull of a house. You could see outside through the sides and top.

Just behind the front door a very pathetic sight caught my eyes, that of an old lady stricken with palsy. Her slim, bony arms were outstretched, welcoming the visitors coming through the door. You could hardly get to the bed as there was a table so stacked with medicine it almost blocked the passage. One by one we were introduced to her; first Brother Bill Dollars, then Brother Tyler, then I. They said, "This is Aunt Lula." Smilingly, she gave me her hand and welcomed me. Soon Brother Tyler began on the guitar and the Christians sang several songs. I noticed Aunt Lula as she sat up in bed and tried to clap her poor, bony hands. We were singing, "When the Morning Comes." Someone appeared in the door. He announced dinner was awaiting us outside. My, you should have seen the small children scramble out the front door.



By JOHN C. (JACK) DUDLEY

As we went out, I noticed the sun was shining brightly by this time. (When I say we, I mean about five of us young people, three young men all in the range of eighteen, nineteen, and twenty, also two young ladies from a near-by Church of God, Sisters Virginia Cook and Marie Melvin.) When we came around to the side yard, there were grandchildren, children, friends, and distant and near relatives. I noticed an unusually large homemade cake, mixed with colors, green, red, etc. On the top was candy. This was Aunt Lula's birthday cake. There was a Baptist minister present, who asked Brother Tyler to offer thanks. There in the crisp December wind, I looked glancingly around and I saw the two tables that had been placed together in the yard. Many delicious-looking dishes had been placed on the table. After all had eaten we went back to the tiny front room.

We young people and several elder ones sang old-time songs. I noticed the children going in and out carrying various things from the table to Aunt Lula's bed. Aunt Lula was propped up in bed, with a stack of books and magazines for a tray and her plate sitting on top. On the bed were many gifts. They had been given her by the ones gathered there. I noticed a pair of blue house slippers on top of the cover. The doctor had said Aunt Lula would never walk again, and if she did, it would be a long time, because it would take time to build up her strength. She was at the ripe age of ninety-one, and her bony arms were, at the most, three inches around. Aunt Lula was just bones with a thin tissue of flesh covering them. I wondered, as I looked at the shoes, if Aunt Lula would ever be able to wear them?

We had intended to have an old-

time prayer meeting there. A Baptist minister heard we were coming over to pray for Aunt Lula, and he came, also. Finally, an aged lady came in carrying her basket. Her dress was touching her ankles. Her dull gray hair was an upsweep, knotted on the back of her head.

The Baptist minister made a short talk. Beforehand, while singing, we had felt the joy of the Lord and knew He was there. The minister asked me to dismiss them in prayer. I knelt and began to pray. The more I prayed, the better I felt. Soon, all of us holiness people joined in a concert prayer. The power of the Holy Ghost touched me. The Baptist minister arose and sang "Amazing Grace." Brother Tyler arose and went over to Aunt Lula's bed and asked the Lord to heal her. Then the Baptist minister quit singing. I too arose and went over. I moved the table of medicine back and joined Brother Tyler. We laid our hands on her in Jesus' name. Over in the corner, her daughter, who had brought the house slippers, watched anxiously, with big tears in her eyes. After a while she ran over, as Aunt Lula raised up from her pillow, and slipped the slippers on Aunt Lula's feet. Still we prayed in Jesus' name. Suddenly, Aunt Lula flung the cover back and hit the floor shouting! Every child of God was blessed. Even the Baptist minister stood with tears in his eyes, and everyone of those outside felt something, I believe. We all testified and sang again. God, His Son, and the Holy Ghost certainly were there. Later, when we were ready to leave, I went over to tell Aunt Lula good-by. She grasped my hand and said, "Pray for me. I've been a wicked old lady, but now I'm living for Jesus." There was a tiny, old woman who had been stricken with palsy. Doctors said she would never walk again, and if she did it would take a long time to build her strength up again. But she walked, even that day.

No, the days of miracles and signs are not over. Even today Jesus is still as real as ever. As we drove away, the sun setting low, the wind crisp, I looked out through the sagebrush, blown about by the wind, and thought about how Jesus had healed before, even in Galilee, Damascus, and Capernaum.

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PENTECOSTAL LEADERS DISCUSS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION



These are representatives from eight Pentecostal organizations in the United States and Canada, who met at Chicago on May 7 to explore the possibilities of closer cooperation among brethren of the Pentecostal faith.

Twenty-four representatives and leaders of some of the major Pentecostal denominations met in council at the Hotel Congress in Chicago on May 7, to explore the possibilities of forming a national Pentecostal fellowship. A splendid spirit of Christian unity prevailed, and it was unanimously agreed that a national association on a fellowship basis was entirely possible.

A number of areas of inter-denominational cooperation were surveyed, including fellowship among missionaries and ministers, working agreements for the establishment of churches and stations at home and abroad, joint receiving homes and schools for missionaries and their children, and the presenting of a united front in matters which are common to all.

A temporary steering committee, to be composed of three representatives from each of the participating denominations, is to meet in Chicago on August 3, to draw up preliminary and suggestive articles for the proposed Pentecostal Association, and a constitutional convention is expected to follow within a year.

Among the Pentecostal denominations represented in the Chicago meeting were the Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., the Assemblies of God, the Pentecostal Holiness Church, the International Church of the Four-square Gospel, the Open Bible Standard Churches, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Elim Missionary Assemblies, and the International Pentecostal Assemblies. Pentecostal denominations with a properly constituted organization and a governing body are being considered for membership in the association.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Alabama Camp Meeting and State Convention will convene July 6-15 at the Church of God Tabernacle, between Bessemer and Birmingham. Rev. L. C. Heaston, pastor at St. Petersburg, Fla., will be the night speaker. Brother R. P. Johnson will preach at possibly five morning services. Rev. E. M. Ellis will also be a speaker.

Among those expected from Headquarters are John C. Jernigan, General Overseer; H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer; R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer; J. A. Muncy, Orphanage Superintendent; and Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director.

Rev. Herman Lhauster, missionary to Germany, will be with us during the camp meeting in interest of the mission work. Rev. A. M. Phillips, Rev. Joe L. McCoy, and Rev. L. B. Thomas will be the speakers of the Youth Congress. Many of the fine preachers of Alabama will speak during the various services of the camp meeting. We are expecting this to be an old-fashioned, holiness camp meeting. Everyone who can possibly attend has a hearty welcome.—J. T. Roberts, Overseer of Alabama.

LEE COLLEGE CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR; HAS LARGEST SUMMER SCHOOL IN HISTORY

by Earl M. Tapley, Vice-President and Dean

A great year in the history of Lee College has come to a close. During the past year the school has moved to its new home, organized its work on the new campus, and has gone through one of the most triumphant periods in its history.

We have 231 students enrolled for the summer term, which is the largest number by far that the institution has ever enrolled for a summer session. The summer school is usually small, but this one almost makes us feel that the regular term is still going.

We have on our campus fifty-one public school teachers from Bradley and surrounding counties. These teachers are taking college work at our school in a teacher-workshop organization. This program has been approved by the Tennessee State Department of Education, and we are authorized by the State Department to give these teachers the required number of college hours for the renewal of their teaching permits during the coming year. This is, indeed, a great step for your church school and it is a service to this community that is greatly appreciated by local citizens and educational leaders.

Prospects for a great year ahead are very bright. Many applications for the fall semester are already on file and many others are coming in daily. We expect the coming term to be the greatest in the history of this school and the enrollment to break all previous records.

The Bible does not merely tell us what we ought to be, but points out to us how we can be what we ought to be.

CHURCH of GOD ON THE AIR

Note: Ministers, please help us keep these announcements correct by notifying us of any changes in your programs. Thanks.

ALABAMA

Church of God, Cullman, over Station WKUL, each Sunday, 1:45 p.m. 1340 Kc. D. L. Barret, pastor.

Rev. C. T. Douglass, over Station WKAX, Birmingham, 900 Kc., daily 1:30-2:00 p. m.; Sunday 1:00-2:00 p. m.

"Gospel Message," over Station WCOV, 1210 Kc., Montgomery, Sunday, 8:45-9:15 a. m. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Sylacauga Church of God, over Station in Sylacauga, 1340 Kc., Sunday 7:00-7:30 a. m. O. O. Philen, pastor.

Rev. Carl Green, over Station WJOI, Florence, Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m.

"The Gospel Hour," over Station WSGN, Birmingham, 610 on your dial, every day, 5-6 a. m. and Sundays 7-8 a. m. Frank Johnson, pastor.

Alabama City, over Station WGWD, 570 on the dial, Monday through Friday, 4-4:30 p. m.; Saturday, 3:30-4 p. m. J. D. Bright, pastor.

ARIZONA

"Church of God Hour," over Station KSUN, Lowell, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9:00 P. W. Patterson, pastor.

Mesa, over Station KARV, every Sunday morning 9:05-9:30, 1400 on your dial. R. F. Kirkland, pastor.

ARKANSAS

West Memphis, over Station KWEM, 990 on your dial, 7:15-7:45. Fred W. Ellis, pastor, River View Church of God.

CANADA

Western Canada, over CHAB, Moose Jaw, Sask., 800 Kc., Sunday, 8:00-8:30 a. m.; Monday, Friday, Saturday, 9:15-9:30 a. m.

FLORIDA

Manatee, over Station WDHL, each Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m. J. B. Ellis, pastor.

Fort Myers, over Station WINK, each Sunday, 8:30-9:00 a. m. E. M. Ellis, pastor.

"Pentecostal Echoes," over Station WCLE, Clearwater, 680 Kc., 1000 watts, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9. Clyde Ogle, pastor.

Orlando, over Station WORZ, 740 on the dial. Each Saturday, 9-9:30 a. m., EST. A. V. Howell, pastor.

GEORGIA

Rossville, West Gordon Avenue church, over Station WAPO, Chattahoochee, Tenn., each Sunday from 6:30-7:00 a. m. Tommie F. Harper, pastor.

North Rome, over Station WRGA, each Saturday from 9:30-10:00 a. m. C. E. Richard, pastor.

Tennille Church of God, over Station WMLT, 1340 Kc., Dublin, Ga., each Sunday, 2-2:30 p. m. Rev. Joe Ciegheorn, pastor.

Vidalia, over Station WRQN, 250 Kc., each Sunday, 9:30-10 a. m. D. H. Stewart, pastor.

Radio Evangelistic Hour, over Station WDAK, 1340 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7-7:30. EST. H. A. Mushegan, pastor-director, Church of God, Columbus.

"The Gospel Light," the Church of God, Wesley Ave., Thomaston, 8:30-9 EST, on Station WSFT.

"Sunrise Devotion," over Station WGAC, Augusta, each Sunday 7:30-8 a. m., 5,000 watts, 580 on your dial. Max L. Atkins, pastor.

Blackshear, over Station WAYX, Waycross, each Sunday, 8:30 a. m. EST. B. D. Gore, pastor.

"The Church of God Hour," over Station WBIX, each Sunday, 3:30-4 p. m. J. W. Daniel, pastor, Trion.

Marietta, over Station WFOM, each Sunday, 4-5 p. m. Every three months, 9:45-10 a. m. T. Y. Black, pastor.

"The Way to Christ Service," over Station WBB, Fitzgerald, 1240 Kc. Lindsay F. Pratt, pastor.

Thomas, over Station WTTA, 1240 on your dial, each Saturday, 9-9:30 a. m. M. J. White, pastor.

Atlanta, over Station WCON, 55 on the dial, Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m., from the studio; 8-8:30 p. m., from the church. LeFevre Trio and Jim Waits singing. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

"Radio Gospel Hour," Albany, over WALE, 1590 Kc., 1,000 watts, by remote control, each Sunday 1:30-2:30 p. m. W. E. Wright, pastor.

ILLINOIS

Station WEBQ, Harrisburg:

1. Each Monday, 3-3:45 p. m. Eldorado, V. B. Rains, pastor; West Frankfort, A. G. Phillips, pastor. Alternate programs.

2. Each Tuesday, 3-3:45 p. m. Benton, W. J. (Bill) Brown, pastor.

Each Sunday, 3:30-4 p. m., Creal Springs. Irene L. Boner, pastor.

KANSAS

"Church of God Gospel Hour," over Station KIND, 1010 Kc., each Saturday, 8-8:30 a. m. W. E. Dowdy, pastor.

KENTUCKY

"Spiritual Strength for Today," Harlan, over Station WEHL, 1230 Kc., Monday through Saturday, 8:15-8:30 a. m. F. R. Harwood, pastor.

LOUISIANA

Covington Church of God, Rev. E. L. Newton, pastor, Sunday afternoon from 3-3:30 over Station WSLA, 1110 Kc.

MICHIGAN

West Flint, over Station WMRP, 1510 on the dial, Sunday, 1-1:30 p. m. E. E. Winters, pastor.

MISSOURI

Leadwood Church of God, over Station KFMO, 1240 Kc., each Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m. Chas. W. Conn, pastor.

"Word of God," Cantwell, over Station KREL, 1350 Kc., each Sunday, 3-3:30 p. m. Geo. L. Britt, pastor.

"The Bread of Life," Bonne Terre, over Station KFMO, 1240 Kc., each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 a. m. C. W. Florence, pastor.

Farma Church of God, over Station KBOA, Kennett, each Sunday, 3 a. m. L. J. Potts, pastor.

MONTANA

Lewistown, over Station KXLO, 1230 Kc., 1:30-2 p. m. M. L. Lowe, pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA

Wilmington, over Station WMPD, each Sunday, 8:00 a. m. 1400 Kc. P. H. McCann, pastor. Bladenboro No. 1 Church of God, over Station WTSB, Lumberton, N. C., from 9-9:30 a. m., 1340 Kc. J. W. Powers, pastor.

"Church of God Hour" over Station WGNC, Gastonia, each Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p. m. Rev. Floyd Timmerman in charge.

Roanoke Rapids, over WCBT, each Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Floyd A. Boger, pastor.

Rocky Mount, over Station WEED, each Sunday morning 8:30 to 9:00, 1250 Kc. on the dial. G. P. Carter, pastor.

Church of God, Sanford, over Station WWGP 1050 Kc., 1000 watts, each Sunday, 8 a. m. H. B. Turlington, Jr.

"Church of God Hour," Draper, over Station WLOE, 1490 on your dial, each Sunday, 8-8:30 a. m. J. H. Daniels, pastor.

Church of God, Mooresville, over Station WEGO, Concord, 1410 on your dial, each Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m. G. E. Weatherby, pastor.

Lexington, over Station WBUV, each Sunday, 2:30-3 p. m. W. O. Lambert, pastor.

"Henderson Church of God Hour," Saturdays, 10:30 a. m.; Sundays, 8:30 a. m. R. E. Conner, pastor.

"Full-Gospel Radio Service," each Sunday morning at 8:15, over Station WGBG, Greensboro, N. C. 980 on your dial, 1,000 watts. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Wadesboro, over Station WADE, 1210 on the dial, each Saturday, 7:30-8 a. m. R. F. Collier, pastor.

"Radio Revival Time," Thomasville, over Station WTNC, 790 on your dial, each Sunday, 7:30 a. m. T. W. Day, pastor.

West Durham, over Station WHHT, 1560 on

the dial, Tuesday through Saturday, 4:30 p. m. Sunday, 8:30-9 a. m. Roland Verrio, pastor.

"Church of God Hour," over Station WGTZ, Wilson, 1430 on the dial, 1,000 watts. Archie Luke, pastor. (Hour was not given.)

NORTH DAKOTA

Bismarck, over Station KGCU, Mandan, N. Dak., each Sunday morning, 9-9:30, CST, 1270 Kc. Ralph Brostrom, pastor.

Minot, over Station KLPK, each Sunday 5-5:30 p. m., CST. Oscar Backman, pastor.

OHIO

Canton, Sunday through Friday, 8:45-9 a. m., Station WCMW, 1060 Kc. Rev. G. W. Hodges, pastor.

Findlay, each Sunday morning, 8:30-9, Station WFIN, 1330 on your dial. Rev. Jesse F. Lavender, pastor.

Hamilton, each Sunday afternoon, 2:32-3, Station WMOH, 1450 on your dial. Rev. S. O. Brock, pastor.

"Church of God Devotional Hour," over Station WFPB, Middletown, 910 on the dial, Sunday, 9:30-10. D. A. Biggs, pastor.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Langley church over WGAC, Augusta, Ga., 1300 Kc., each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Carl Cox, pastor.

Columbia church, over Station WCOB, 1400 Kc., each Sunday 8:30-9:00 a. m. E. M. Mortenson, pastor.

Dillon, over Station WDSC, 800 on your dial, each Sunday morning from 9-9:30; also each first Sunday from 11 a. m. to 12 noon. W. R. Craven, pastor.

Anderson, "Church of God Hour," over Station WAIM, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30-6:00 a. m.; Sunday, 6:55-7:25 a. m. 1230 Kc. B. E. Ellis, pastor.

North Greenville, over Station WMHC, Sunday morning, 7:00-7:30, 1490 Kc. Presented by the young people. W. L. Edgar, pastor.

Greenwood, "Radio Gospel Hour," over Station WORS, 1450 Kc., 9-9:30 a. m. each Sunday. F. L. Muller, pastor.

Lancaster, "The Sunshine Hour," over Station WRHI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 each Sunday. L. R. Patterson, pastor.

Rock Hill, "Full Gospel Radio Hour," over Station WRHI, Rock Hill, 1340 Kc., 2:00-2:30 p. m. Sunday. J. L. McCoy, pastor.

Charleston Church of God, over Station WPAK, 730 Kc., each Sunday, 9-9:30 a. m. EST. L. W. McIntyre, pastor.

"Zion's Call," over Station WPAK, 730 Kc., 7:30-8 a. m. J. A. Whitlow, pastor, N. Charleston.

"Gospel Faith Hour," over Station WBOC, Greenville, 680 on your dial, and WPAK Charleston, 730 on your dial, each Sunday morning, 7:30-8.

Walterboro Church of God, over Station WALD, 1490 on your dial, each Sunday, 9:30-10 a. m. L. J. Stone, pastor.

"The Sunday Morning Bright Spot," Florence, over Station WOLS, 1230 Kc., each Sunday, 8:05-8:20 a. m. W. Frank Smith, pastor.

Greenville, over Station WESC, each Sunday, 7:15-7:30 a. m. Over Station WMRC, 1490 Kc., each Sunday, 8:30 a. m.; each Saturday night, 10:30-11:30 o'clock. Earl P. Paulk, pastor.

Orangeburg, over Station WRNO, 1450 Kc., each Sunday, 8-8:30 a. m. A. F. Newport, pastor.

"Back to the Bible Hour," Enoree, over Station WLBO, Laurens, 860 on the dial, each Tuesday and Thursday, 2:45 p. m.; each Saturday, 8:30 a. m. J. B. Brewer, pastor.

TENNESSEE

N. Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc., Monday through Friday from 3:45-4 p. m., each Sunday from 9-9:30 a. m. James L. Slay, pastor.

South Cleveland, over Station WBAC, Cleveland, 1340 Kc. Each weekday, except Saturday, from 10:15-10:30 a. m. Each Sunday from the church from 11:45-12:15 p. m. J. A. Birler, pastor.

"Fountain of Life" Program, Sweetwater Church of God, over Station WLAR, Athens, 1450 Kc. Each Saturday morning, 11:30-12, EST. Clyde Caraway, pastor.

Elizabethton, over Station WBET, 1:30 p. m., weekdays, 8:00-8:30 a. m., Sunday, J. D. Wilson, pastor.

Memphis, over Station WMPS, 7:30 a. m., Sunday, J. D. Free, pastor.

Cookeville, over Station WHUB, 9:00-9:30 a. m., Saturday, R. M. Strong, pastor.

Alton Park church, over WAPO, Chattanooga, 1:00-1:45 p. m. and 10:30-11:30 p. m., Saturday, J. D. Smith, pastor.

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Preaching an Ancient Gospel in a Modern World

"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" 1 Cor. 9:16.

These are the days of the new look. Hardly do you have to go a block before you see the new look. It is not confined to the world, but it has come to religion. Some call it by one name and some by another. I declare that this is a day when we need to preach an ancient gospel. This is a day when ministers are supposed to be physicians, community men, etc.; but it was not so in God's plan, for it pleased God "by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

We live at a fast rate of speed. Someone says, "Where is the fire?" but we are only going to the store. One gets a new car and the first question is, "How fast will it go?" Someone tells us that with this great power man is about to bring into a small collection, he can wipe everything off the earth. A few years ago the scientists thought they had reached the apex of their vocation; they said, "We have come to the place where there are no more things to be invented." Now, in these days of the twentieth century, we are living in the midst of a scientific age. It has even come to preaching, but there are some who can get a touch from heaven. There are places they cannot preach, because they do not know the science of preaching, but they know God. Though we may not know the decree of science, it is far more important to emphasize this gospel so that men may know and feel the real power of God.

In the midst of all this we need to cry as one crying in the wilderness. We need to preach with the passion with which the men of God preached of old. In this day when the pillars of western civilization are crumbling, we must preach a message that is of the Word, one that comes from God, that will let men know we have been in contact with the power of God. We need to be concerned. The condition

of the world is hopeless.

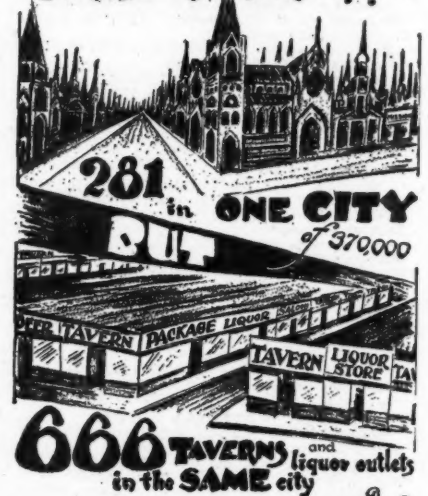
Men would have us believe the hope of the world rests in the institutions of men: the only hope of the world lies in Jesus Christ. Preaching Him in this day is the only hope of men surviving.

History books are full of the progress of man. In the early days we lived in caves. We had implements to fight with made of bone and wood; later the crude implement, the hatchet. Then man began to develop his mind, began to climb the ladder of success. He built a roof over his head. He finally knew how to build a house of stone; he knew how to build houses of trees; and now moves more rapidly than ever. It is a common thing today to go out and see a ship. We hear the roar and the plane is overhead, and we marvel and wonder. Men sail the ocean and fly through the sky. They now talk about building airways in the sky. One day, they tell us, they brought together factors and made the atomic bomb. I heard a newscast and the reporter said the army has come to the place that they realize when another war comes we shall have to go underground. They will soon build cities underground. We have come a long way and are going back to the cave. The condition of man is utterly hopeless.

We need to preach an ancient gospel that will solve every problem of man. When you preach the gospel, pointing to the other world, people call you visionary. If we have no hope in a life beyond this, we are as the man who built on the sand, and it will not be long until our house will come tumbling down.

This gospel of which I speak was born in a perilous time. Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel." He was not ashamed because "it is the power of God unto salvation to

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everyone that believeth." He saw grasping totalitarianism, impure worship, race hatred, and poverty living next to the selfish rich. This gospel that he preached that day is the need, and it is sufficient today. We need that ancient gospel in this modern world. In the days of Nero there were men and women who believed with all their hearts, and to them it was living. It was empire against the cross, but the Galilean hasn't been conquered. He is able to set at liberty those who are bound. It was a contest of Caesar against Christ. His enemies said, "The way for us to do is to nail Him to the tree." Not one word did He utter. He then said, "Father, forgive them." They passed on, and those spikes that held Him on the old cross have long since gone to dust, but the man they nailed there is alive forevermore.

Ancient Gospel in a Modern World

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By REV. L. E. PAINTER

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We need such a gospel because the philosophies of the past have failed. The Epicureans said, "Eat, drink, and be merry." All you need to do today is to take a drive and see people eating, drinking, and making merry; but in spite of that we need the ancient gospel. Socrates' "know thyself" was not sufficient, nor is it for this day in which we live. To know thyself is not enough. We have many substitutes for these things today. We have the philosophy of pantheism, which teaches that God is in the trees, in the bird's singing, etc. There are people who believe all they need to do is to take a walk in the woods and they can sit down with God. This may be a good foundation for some people to come to the knowledge of the truth, but it is not sufficient to save men from their sins.

There came into the world one day a philosophy that said the most important thing in the world was the human. Some stand in various pulpits and preach the philosophy of humanism rather than the gospel of Jesus Christ. To preach that will do away with the resurrection of our Lord from the dead. To do away with the resurrection we are wasting a lot of our time and talent, for if Jesus were not born of a virgin, and He were not raised from the dead, then He does not have the power to raise the dead.

There came a man along who preached a different philosophy. He said, "Deny thyself, take up thy cross." An ancient gospel, but in the midst of a modern world it is able to save men. Faith in the virgin birth of the Son of God is the need of this day and we should preach it more. The hope of all men in this modern world is an ancient gospel. The world today needs such a gospel.

A few days ago, pictured in *Life* magazine were people starving to death in a war-torn country. They said, "What will you do to help us?" A few pages over showed another happening in the world—piles and piles of potatoes. They said we had no way

to send the potatoes to them. We must burn the potatoes and let the people starve to death. Don't tell me this world doesn't need Pentecost! We can give a few potatoes to some country that wants to war, but we will let other people starve to death—selfishness.

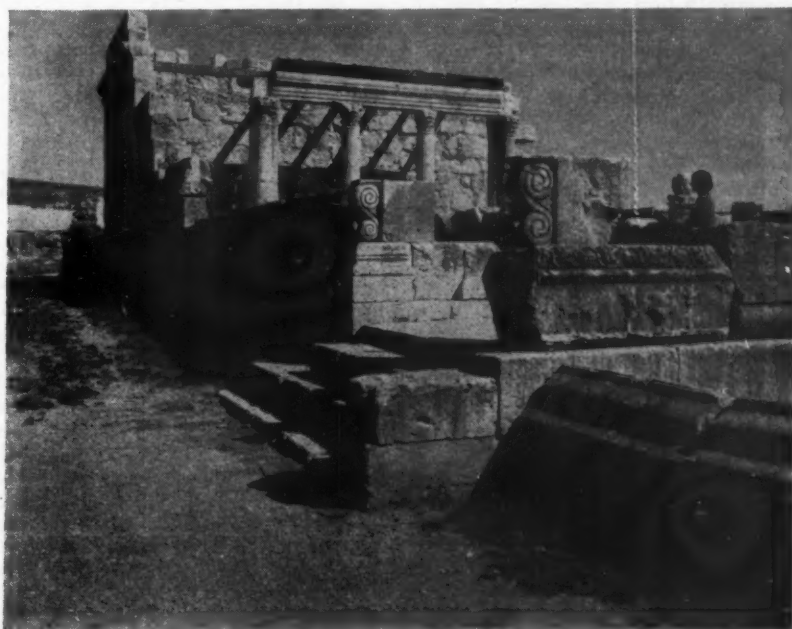
Men need a gospel of pardon because of the sinfulness abroad in the land today. We are becoming enlightened, some say, and the world will be a better place in which to live. I don't think that is true. To me it seems a more dangerous place to live. The hope of the world is this gospel that will make them anew. They brought to the Master the woman who had been caught in the very act of adultery. Jesus, writing in the sand, said, "Woman, where are those thine accusers?" Here this man preaches unto her the gospel, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more." We need to preach it with all of our

hearts.

John Bunyan looked through the bars and saw a man being led to death. His heart was filled with gratitude, but he didn't say, "I am glad he has to die, because he ought to." There are Christians who rejoice when people die and go to hell. John Bunyan looked through the bars and saw that man and was moved with compassion, but said, "Except for the grace of God, there goes John Bunyan." We can see men in trouble, in peril; if it had not been for the grace of God, we too would have been in the same place. If we don't preach it, how will the world hear it?

This world needs a gospel of purpose. Too many people live aimlessly; live for a day at a time. They do not realize they are spending their lives without any purpose in view. I remember the words of the Master when He said, "I must needs go through Sa-

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Remains of a Jewish synagogue at Capernaum.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" Isa. 14:12.

Here, we have depicted the fall of Satan who was once a reigning prince. Isaiah tells us he said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God," Isa. 14:13. When he became lifted up in pride and drunken on a greed for supreme power, he fell. He is the first apostate being of whom we have an account. Pride and selfishness led to his downfall.

In Eden, he preached his philosophy to Mother Eve: "You won't die, but you'll be wise as gods, knowing good and evil." This is the beginning of "once saved, you can't be lost." The Bible says there will be a falling away. 2 Thess. 2:3. Certain people say that those who have been born again can't fall away; however, many are falling away. A number in our own ranks, who once lived good and shouted the victory, have ceased to live good, and never shout, but have become murderers and complainers. They walk in the counsel of the ungodly, stand in the way of sinners, and sit in the seat of the scornful. Instead of co-operating with their brothers and sisters, they take sides with enemies of the church and try to hinder its progress. They are religious saboteurs, apostate beings, while proudly posing as first-class Christians.

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," 1 Cor. 10:12. When a preacher, or any other member, feels that he is so important the church can't go without him, he is on slippery ground, and if his attitude is not quickly changed, he will be down and out. If you hear one constantly complaining about being ignored and mistreated, you may be assured that he has slipped, and Satan is giving him a strong push downward. Some people take pleasure in telling that many of the members of the church where they belong are backslidden. They seem to rejoice because others (according to their reckoning) are backslidden. Such an attitude is pretty good evidence that the accusers are the ones who have actually fallen. When anyone ceases to talk to God in prayer, ceases to let God talk to him, and engages in criticizing others, he is stumbling and ready to fall. It is easy to fall, but constant effort and trust in God is necessary in order to stand.

Since Satan has fallen, he is trying to bring everyone down to his level and is doing a big job of it. Many

Apostasy

By Robert Bell

instances of people becoming apostate are recorded in the Bible. Saul, the first king of Israel, fell, lost his kingdom, and filled a suicide's grave. Many in Israel, after their wonderful and miraculous deliverance from Egyptian bondage, backslid and were destroyed in the wilderness. Judas Iscariot, by transgression, fell and went to his own place, after having power to cast out demons, cleanse lepers, and heal the sick.

I believe there are people who take a big hand in church work and even shout when other good people do, who have fallen very low. I don't think shouting is an evidence of victory, but I do think people who have the victory can and will shout, and it will make other good people happy. People who meekly endure severe trials and keep sweet when everything seems to go against them, are upstanding and out-standing and have a right to shout. I believe some people have fallen and know it, but try to hide behind an empty shout. I believe some people who have fallen very low, fail to pray as they should, rumble out to church (like an empty wagon on a rocky road), look around for bugaboos, and criticize others about the way they testify and shout. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven," Matt. 7:21.

When a man disregards his marriage vow, leaves a good wife, and steps out with some painted-faced flapper, he is an apostate; and vice versa, when a woman counts as nothing her marriage vow, leaves a good husband, and steps out with another man, she becomes an apostate of the lowest type. No matter what church they belong to, if they don't repent, hell will be their doom. Preachers backslide, put on a front, and try to carry on, but at God's appointed time, He pulls the curtain aside, points an index finger at each apostate, and says, "He is no longer mine." It seems as if the devil works harder to drag down preachers than he does the laity, for he knows if he can corrupt the lead-

ers, he has everything blocked. A backslidden preacher makes the devil a very good assistant in his down-pulling business, and the devil knows it. Some people are in the devil's quicksands. They have strayed from the sure foundation, and the more they do the lower they sink. People can stand only by staying on the Rock of Ages.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," 1 Tim. 4:1. People stand by faith, and when one departs from the thing that enables him to stand, he falls. People can mistake seducing spirits for the Spirit of God and be led astray; therefore, let us try the spirits and know we are moved by the Spirit of God. It is easy to become fanatic and be tossed about by winds of doctrine. Satan has messengers, and those who listen to them will certainly fall.

Some teach that when one is born again, he can't fall away and be lost. They accuse us of teaching sinless perfection; but if one who is born again can't fall away, nothing could beat that for perfectness. Ever since Satan seduced Mother Eve and caused her to sin and lose her beautiful home, he has been deceiving people with his NO HARM philosophy. It is no harm to attend the movies, ball games, prize fights, dances, etc., are his snares and many are falling into them. If we will keep filled with the Holy Ghost, keep our eyes on things above, the attractions of this world will look like a trash pile. Don't be deceived. Talk to God and let Him talk to you. Watch yourself and stay in the middle of the road, and you will never fall. Amen.

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REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body; my sister-in-law who is in a serious condition; also a cousin.—Mrs. C. L. Hall, Union, S. C.

Me to get my health back; my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Elsie Lee Ferguson, Hixson, Tenn.

God to heal my body.—Mrs. Jimmie Bullock, Wardell, Mo.

My children to be saved; very urgent unspoken request.—A Brother.

The Lord to heal me.—A Sister, Anderson, S. C.

My husband to be healed; my daughter to attend B. T. S. this fall.—Mrs. Jennie Leedy.

God to heal my sister.—A Friend.

My complete deliverance; my sister.—A Sister, Freeburn, Ky.

My husband to be saved.—A Sister in Christ, Quinton, Ala.

The Lord to heal me.—Mrs. Mamie Merritte, Lee, Fla.

My daughter and son-in-law; Sister Annie Davis.—M. A. Tate, Beckley, W. Va.

Me to be healed.—Sister W. A. Campbell, Cleveland, S. C.

My boy to be delivered from the drink habit; me to be healed of sugar diabetes.—Mrs. Jack Wilkerson, Germania, Miss.

My two sons to be healed of T. B.—Mattilda Waters, Rome, Ga.

My grandson to be healed; his mother to be saved.—Mrs. Eva Bryant, Phenix City, Ala.

The healing of my brother who has sugar diabetes.—Mrs. C. A. Walker, Gid, Ark.

The healing of my body.—Rev. Cassell Goss, Jewell Ridge, Va.

The Lord to undertake in my home; to save my companion; to heal my body.—A Sister in Christ.

My sister who is very unhappy with her job.—A Friend.

My sisters to be saved; me.—Elsie Mabe, Greensboro, N. C.

My brother-in-law who is very nervous and has been sick for six years.—Mrs. Floyd Stafford, Myrtle Grove, Fla.

Me to be healed of four or five abscesses in my head.—Sister Duncan, Augusta, Ga.

My son who is in prison, sentenced to the electric chair, to be spared his life.—Mrs. Roy Eller, Titus, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of cancer.—Mrs. Alice Zeigler, Harrisburg, Ill.

God to heal Mrs. Nelus Lykins, Burns Collins, and Rev. L. S. Lambert.—A Member, Orgas, W. Va.

My little girl's throat to be healed; some friends.—Mrs. Georgia Johnson, Scotland, Ga.

The healing of my body; my brother; my two daughters who have backslidden to come home; me to get closer to God.—Mary Allen, Cincinnati, Ohio.

My son to be healed of rheumatic heart and saved.—Charity Fowler, Cranks, Ky.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and nerve trouble.—Lina Freeland, Pennsboro, W. Va.

God to strengthen my body; my home; my daughter and her companion to be saved.—Ida Sprouse, Belburn, W. Va.

My husband to be saved.—Mrs. J. D. Holland, Cushing, Okla.

A very urgent unspoken request; the healing of my body.—A Sister.

My sister's baby to be healed.—Mrs. John Bunner, Cumberland, Md.

The healing of my body; friends to be saved and healed.—Florence Easter, Mt. Airy, N. C.

My husband to be healed of high blood pressure and kidney stones; him to be saved.—Lucille Kemp, Dallas, Tex.

God to give me a definite healing touch.—Mrs. F. C. Campbell, Chickamauga, Ga.

God to undertake for my family; my daughter to be healed of nervousness.—A Sister in the Lord.

My son to be healed of cancer of the liver.—Mrs. James H. Quisenberry, Versailles, Ky.

My daughter; a special unspoken request.—A Sister.

Me to be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Marie Lucas, Arnoldsville, Ga.

My husband and me.—A Friend.

A friend's eye to be healed; him to accept holiness.—Mrs. J. C. Stanfield, LaFayette, Ga.

My husband and daughter to be saved; the Lord to touch my body.—Mrs. Mamie Barrett, Monaville, W. Va.

My wife and me to be healed; two unspoken requests.—J. F. Yancey, Edinburg, Tex.

My mother who is ill; my family to be saved; me.—Mrs. Horace Standridge, Warne, N. C.

Beulah Davis who is to be operated on this week.—Mrs. Ethel Bright, Bastrop, La.

Our church pianist who has had a serious operation and complications have resulted.—Mrs. G. F. Phillips, Willoughby, Ohio.

My body.—M. P. Mathrie, Lyons, Ga.

God to restore the joy of my salvation; my husband and me to be healed; my children to be saved; God to supply our needs.—A Reader.

An infection on my child's feet; an infection on another child's arm.—Theima Massengill, Booneville, Miss.

COVER PICTURE

HAMILTON, Ohio—Rev. Shelton G. Brock, our pastor for the past two and one-half years, succeeded Rev. J. Carl Hughes, who is now pastoring the church at Baltimore, Maryland. Brother Hughes had just remodeled our old church, but the large membership and the congregation had outgrown the building. One night during one of our regular services the Holy Ghost gave us a message, telling us to build a larger church, that the Lord would be with us and help us. This message was repeated a number of times in different services. So, without any money in our building fund and at the most difficult time, because of scarcity of building material, we started building. Due to shortages, Government officials asked us to stop building for eight months; but the Lord directed Brother Brock to con-

tinue and said that He would work it out for him with the housing board, and the Lord did just that. The priority was granted and we continued with the building.

Just to give you an idea of how the Lord worked things out in our favor, I shall tell you of one outstanding thing. The contractor told Brother Brock that ours was the only job for which he had sufficient material.

During the construction, Brother Brock said the Lord had directed him to sell his 1946 Super 8 Hudson Sedan and to give the money to the building fund, along with a month's salary, and live by faith, which he did. God seemed to be in this act so greatly that for three months following it, the church averaged raising one thousand dollars a week toward our new church.

The church, not wanting their pastor to be in need of a presentable car,

secretly solicited money among themselves, went to the car dealer, and paid the down payment on a four-door Deluxe Ford Mercury for a Christmas present for him.

We now have a nice beautiful brick and tile church completed, with a fifty-by-ninety-foot auditorium, full basement for Sunday School rooms, a modern automatic steam heating plant, a thirteen-by-thirty-foot offset for two office rooms (one for a secretary and broadcasting control booth and the other one for a private office for the pastor), and a thirty-by-thirty-six-foot room in the basement for the L. W. W. B., with natural-oak-finish woodwork, hardwood floors, buff plastered walls, a stipple-finished ceiling, modern indirect lighting, elevated choir which will seat approximately eighty persons, red oak pews finished with natural oak, blending with the interior of the building, special indirect choir lighting, draped arch over rostrum, pulpit and altar carpeted, and rubber runners down each aisle.

The church is valued at eighty thousand dollars.

Over one hundred new members have been received into the church since Brother Brock took over the pastorate, and a church has been organized on the west side of the City, where Rev. L. C. Caldwell is now pastor. They have almost one hundred members, of which approximately thirty were transferred from this church. We have one of the largest congregations in the city of Hamilton. The church has a full-time secretary and a radio secretary. Our Sunday evening congregations run from about six hundred to one thousand. Our membership is now three hundred and sixty-one. We have a daily broadcast from Monday through Friday and a Sunday afternoon broadcast from two-thirty until three o'clock. We stand next to WLW, the national station at Cincinnati, in listeners, at that time of day on Sunday. It is one of the largest Church of God broadcasts in this part of the country. In our services we have a stringed orchestra, quartets, trios, duets, and solos.

In conclusion, we wish to report that the church has broken all records in every department. Since Brother Brock came here as pastor we have sold the old parsonage and purchased a new one. It is a six-room, two-story,

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Reports

FROM THE FIELD

CHERAW, S. C.—A great singing convention was held Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day, at the Cheraw Church of God. It was a great blessing to all who were present. We were fortunate enough to have singers from Rockingham, the Ward Trio, and Brother A. V. Childers; also singers from McCall, Hartsville, and Florence, S. C., and Laurinburg, N. C. We here at Cheraw have put on "battle regular" for God, and by His help will go forward in His work and for His glory. We raised over \$50 for the orphanage. Our motto is "Watch Cheraw Church Grow in God's Work and for His Glory." Pray for us here at Cheraw that we will continue to grow in spirit and truth.—J. A. Graham, Superintendent of Sunday School.

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Psalm 134:1-3, "Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion."

This is just a small Psalm. It could be easily overlooked, but we did not overlook obeying it to the letter at our recent convention at Baltimore, Maryland, on May 22, 23. Because of our obedience God blessed mightily. The convention opened with an inspiring message from a visiting minister, Rev. Harrison H. Valentine, who is affiliated with the Pentecostal Holiness movement. In our midst were Assembly of God ministers and laity. We were delighted with our Washington, D. C., Church of God people who came and helped make our convention a blessed one. Our principal speaker was our state overseer, Rev. O. C. Crank. His sincere and earnest messages on "Mission Work" brought a great response to the vital need of missions today. We thank God for our hard-working pastor, Rev. Carl Hughes, a former missionary. Our district mission offering amounted to almost \$500. In addition, we recently sponsored special mission services, and God helped us to raise over \$1000 to contribute to our state

convention at camp meeting time. Our convention closed with a glorious beginning of a God-given revival.

Our evangelist, Brother Robert E. Newton, is a young man who has been an outstanding, successful preacher in Ohio and Maryland. As we gather in the house of God, lifting up our hands and praising God for all He has done, we find ourselves in an old-fashioned, God-bestowing revival.

Our district convention is recorded in earth and in heaven, and it becomes an achievement of the past, but we are still trusting God in our present services and for all the future that lies ahead of us here at the Baltimore Church of God.—Alberta Schwartz.

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REVIVALS

SETH, W. Va.—A glorious revival has come to a close here at the Church of God, but the revival spirit is still here. Truly, it was a most unusual one. The large building was filled to its capacity, with many unable to be seated, almost every night. During this revival the Sunday School ran to 306 one Sunday. This was the day of our baptizing. Rev. John C. (Jack) Dudley was the evangelist. Brother Dudley is a young twenty-year-old minister who has been preaching almost two years. (You may contact him at Rt. 9, Box 317, Birmingham, Alabama, Phone 33092.)

When the present pastor came, the Sunday School was below fifty. Brother L. S. Lamber has been here almost two years. The church has been greatly revived and is well on the road of progress with old-time victory.

20 Saved, 11 Received the Baptism

WEST DURHAM, N. C.—We report victory in a blessed revival at our church, conducted by Sister Minnie (Hillhouse) Bradley and her husband, Brother A. W. Bradley. Sister Bradley did the preaching at all the services with the exception of a divine healing service conducted by Brother Bradley, which was signally blessed with several definite healings, one of which, especially was the cause of great rejoicing. This was the healing of an aged blind woman who received her sight instantly, when prayed for by Brother Bradley. There were twenty saved, eight sanctified, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church.

Preceding this campaign, a week's meeting was held by the assistant pastor, Rev. Norman Cunningham, which resulted in ten saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and nine baptized in water.—Norman Cunningham, Clerk.

60 Saved, 43 United With the Church

HORSESHOE, Fla.—We have just closed a very successful revival here at Horseshoe. Sister Dorothy Mae McFarlan was the evangelist for the first three weeks, then Sister Addie

Owens, with her co-worker, Sister Othella Gill, continued the revival. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, for which we thank Him. There were sixty saved, fifty-four sanctified, forty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, forty-five were baptized in water, and forty-three added to the church. We truly praise the Lord for this great revival. The Lord is still blessing. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless.—L. Frasier Rogers, Pastor.

26 Saved, 6 Added to Church

RICHMOND, Ind.—We have just had one of the best revivals the Richmond church has ever had, Sister Mattie McIntosh, of Franklin, Ohio, doing the preaching. God blessed in a wonderful way. Twenty-six were saved, fifteen sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and five baptized in water. We appreciate our pastor, Brother W. M. Gabbard, of Hamilton, Ohio. He is an excellent man of God. One Saturday night we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing, and the Lord blessed.—Mrs. Opal Sparks, Clerk.

23 Saved, 22 New Members Added

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—The Bridgeford Church of God has just closed a very successful five weeks' revival. We do praise God for the way He blessed. From the first night until the last, the power of God fell in a wonderful way in almost every service. This was the most successful revival we have had in years. There were twenty-three saved, twenty-two sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-two new members added to the church. We do thank God for every one of them. The first week of the meeting was our mission week, and different preachers on the district did the preaching. Every sermon was fine. The second week was conducted by our district overseer, Rev. Brooks Youngblood. Brother Youngblood did some wonderful preaching, and he and his wife did some beautiful singing. We really are glad to have them on our district. Our dear pastor, Brother O. V. Brown, did most of the preaching the last three weeks.—Elbert Lewis, Clerk.

9 Saved

UNION, S. C.—We have just closed a great revival at the Church of God at Union, S. C., with evangelist Rev. Tom Brooks, better known as "Happy Tom." The church was blessed wonderfully. There were nine saved, seven sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. We trust that this revival spirit will remain in our midst. We truly appreciate Brother Brooks and don't think you would go wrong in securing him for a revival.—Rev. C. L. Hall, Pastor.

13 Saved

CEDAR GROVE, W. Va.—We should like you to rejoice with us in the fact that our three-week revival was blessed of God. Our Father gave us thirteen souls, sanctified five and filled four with the Holy Ghost. Our evangelists, Sister Margaret Gerg and Sister Alice Josephson, are now in East Bank. Pray for them that God will give them souls and that He will also keep our babes in Christ until they shall be rooted and grounded in the faith.—Mrs. Harold McQuillen.

16 Saved, 14 Baptized in Water

FAIRFIELD, Calif.—We are praising God for the good revival we have just closed, with Rev. Calvin Rogers, pastor at Oakley, Calif. Brother Rogers seemed at his best for God. Sixteen were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, five sanctified, and fourteen baptized in water. The revival closed with an old-time feet washing. Forty-six took part in the Lord's Supper. This is the first revival to be held in our new church building. Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. are climbing and we are looking forward for greater blessings of the Lord. We shall soon have our new church finished on the inside. When I came here in October, 1946, I found one tent up to worship in, but God and His good people here at Fairfield helped build a nice 28 x 50 building here, and we are praising God for it all.—W. A. Grant, Pastor.

11 Saved

WICHITA, Kans.—Wichita has just closed a great revival. God wonderfully blessed. Eleven were saved, four added to the church, and souls are still being saved. God is blessing in a wonderful way. Brother Jack Reynolds did the preaching. We give the Lord the praise. Bless His holy name!—Rev. Alvin Crowe, Pastor.

PREACHING AN ANCIENT GOSPEL IN A MODERN WORLD

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maria." He preached to the woman at the well. A gospel of purposes will cause men to do things for God. In the twelfth century there was a man who had a great passion for souls. He decided that a good many people were being neglected; the rich were able to go to the finer places of learning, but the poor needed a different gospel, so he clothed himself and went to preach the gospel to them, though he could have enjoyed the wealth of the world. He was Francis of Assisi.

Word came to an aged mother that her two daughters, who were missionaries in Japan, were dead. She became very busy about the work around the house, locking up. She said, "My daughters are over there. They gave their lives preaching the gospel, and I am going to preach the gospel and be with my daughters." She was old, but gave twenty years of service.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He is a solution to every problem. This gospel is a gospel of power, that will get underneath us, lift us up, and give us strength to go forward.

Think of the blind man. He came in contact with the Man who had relieved him of his blindness. His parents were asked, "Is this your son?" They were afraid of the people. Many would enjoy religion more if they were not afraid of people. They said to the young man, "We know that this man is a sinner." He said, "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." He had come in contact with the power.

I hear Paul as he was in jail, and oh what marvelous words he said in his letter to Timothy: "I suffer trouble . . . even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound." The Word was the same Word as in the beginning. "I am chained, but the living Word is not bound." He was about to go. He still had the same power. You may be bound by sectarianism and skepticism, but the Word of God is not bound. Look to the cross.

*"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plung'd beneath that
flood*

Lose all their guilty stains.

*"The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;*

*And there may I, tho' vile as he,
Wash all my sins away."*

The thief had come into contact with the gospel that had power. You may as well try to move mountains as to try to stop men from preaching it. They will preach on. Paul said, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." As you pass the hospitals, something should stir your soul and cause you to say, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." In passing the prison, something should impress it on your heart. Let the sun stop shining—men will preach on in darkness. There are men who will preach on; there are men who are still carrying an ancient gospel in a modern world.

JESUS IS COMING

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to God's Word, the time for His coming is near at hand. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh," Matt. 24:44. Many people are saying in their hearts, "We have heard this for a long time, and we don't believe it; He is not coming." They say they believe the Bible, but if they do, then they will have to believe He is coming, for He said He would. You must believe all the Bible, for it is all God's Word, and it is still true.

Noah warned the people about the flood that was to come. They did not believe Noah, but the flood came, nevertheless. When it came they believed Noah, but it was too late when the door was shut. God shut the door,

and Noah could not open it to them. The same thing will happen when Jesus comes. It will be too late to cry, for as the lightning cometh out of the east and goes to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be, in a moment in a twinkling of an eye. We must stay ready at all times, if we want to go with Him when He comes, for He will not wait on us. He has told us to be ready, for in the hour you think not He will come. He said He would come to those who looked for Him, so we must believe in His coming and look for Him at all times. If He doesn't come today, look tomorrow for Him to come, surely, for He said He would, and I believe His Word, don't you? Yes, true children of God are looking for His return and listening for the cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh. Go ye out to meet him." God has told us in His Word to "prepare to meet thy God," Amos 4:12. Let us do it and be ready when He comes for His own.

THE DAY OF MIRACLES AND SIGNS ARE NOT OVER

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naum. As the tiny shack vanished, I knew that Jesus had been there with us, that He had passed this way and had stopped by and healed the palsy. As I sit writing this I am reminded how later, at a near-by Church of God, I was holding a revival, and there in the audience I noticed a tiny old woman smiling up at me sweetly. She was "Aunt Lula."

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He held the record in the church for a long term pastorate. This church was Middletown, Ohio, where he pastored twenty-two years. He began the church there before he was acquainted with the Church of God, but he called his church by the same name. The late Rev. E. Haynes who was then state overseer received Brother Wilson and his congregation into the Church of God. After leaving Middletown he pastored three years at Chattanooga, Tennessee,

three years at Knoxville, Tennessee, one year at Soddy, Tennessee, and was in his third year at Johnson City, Tennessee.

The funeral service was conducted by the state overseer, Rev. U. D. Tidwell, assisted by Rev. Haynes of Johnson City. Reverend Tidwell also conducted another funeral in Knoxville and was assisted by Rev. C. J. Hindmon. Both funerals were impressive and the floral offerings were beautiful.

MILLER

Sister Nancy Miller, age seventy, died March 30, 1948, at her home on West Duval Street. She was a native of Suwannee County, and had been a member of the Church of God for twenty-six years. She was a devout Christian, serving as clerk of the church for a number of years. She was loved by all who knew her. She had suffered intensely for some time, but her suffering is over now and she is basking in the sunlight of God's eternal love. The funeral was conducted by the writer at Mt. Gilliard church.—Rev. J. K. DeGolyer, Her Pastor.

TANNER

John Wesley Tanner, retired minister in the Church of God, died May 22, 1948, age eighty-two years, four months, and fifteen days. He leaves six children, thirteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren to mourn his passing. Brother Tanner was an old-time Penecostal preacher, having received the Baptism about forty years ago. He reported regularly to the state office every month, a testimony of faithfulness and loyalty to Christ and His church. He left an inspiring testimony when he departed from us to report among the company of the redeemed.—Glyndon Logsdon.

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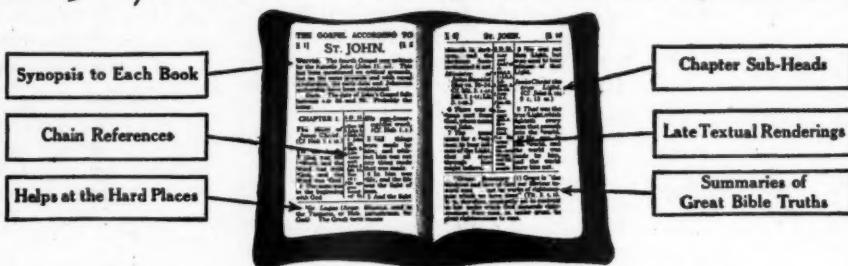
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